14th March 1928]

A.—The Government have seen a report of the judgment in LIV, M.L.J., 229 and see in it no authority for the generalizations sought to be made from it in the question. The Government have called for a report on the case and on receipt of it will consider what amendments, if any, are necessary to the existing rules on the subject of search fees.

Suspension of the collection of land revenue in Bellary and Rayadrug taluks.

* 1743 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the villages in Bellary and Rayadrug taluks, Bellary district, in which the collection of land revenue was either suspended or remitted wholly or partially for any or all of the faslis 1333, 1334, 1335 and 1336 together with their respective average yields in fasli 1337;

(*b*) the villages in which the suspended revenue of the previous faslis or fasli was collected in fasli 1335 with their respective average yields in that year;

(*c*) the villages in which the Government have ordered the postponement of collection of land revenue for fasli 1336;

(*d*) the villages in which the Government have ordered the remission of land revenue for fasli 1336 wholly or partially and in the latter case the amount of such partial remission; and

(*e*) the villages in which the Government have ordered the suspension or remission of land revenue due for fasli 1337?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The villages in which land revenue was suspended or remitted in fasli 1333 are given in the list (No. 1) appended.[a] The land revenue due for faslis 1334 and 1335 was not suspended or remitted. The villages in which the collection of the suspended land revenue of previous faslis was postponed or remitted in fasli 1334 are given in the list (No. 2) appended.[a] The villages in which the land revenue for fasli 1336 was suspended are given in the list (No. 3) appended.[a] The estimated average outturn of crops in fasli 1337 in the villages in which the revenue of fasli 1336 was suspended is shown in the list (No. 3).

(*b*) A list of the villages (No. 4) is appended[a]. The estimated yield averaged from 8 annas to 12 annas in the villages of the Bellary taluk and from 8 annas to 11 annas in the Rayadrug taluk. The Government are not in possession of separate figures for each village.

(*d*) No remission of land revenue due on dry lands was sanctioned. The remission of land revenue due on wet lands was granted in accordance with the Board's Standing Orders.

(*e*) No suspension or remission of revenue due for fasli 1337 has been sanctioned. The suspended revenue of fasli 1336 which was due for collection in fasli 1337 has been further suspended in the villages given in the list (No. 5).

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 154–161 infra.